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Editorial Comment

WITH OTHER EDITORS

GOING AHEAD!

From Cleveland News

Hold your hats, folks. We are on our way, and it will be exciting to see where.

GOOD - BAD TIMES

From Detroit Free Press

These economists who predict bad times ahead for the United States hasten to explain that they will not be too bad times.

TWO CHEAPER THAN ONE

From Arkansas Gazette

Although neither could draw on the State funds, Georgia's "two governors" each expected to be paid at the rate of $12,000 a year. But it should be cheaper to maintain two Governors that can't spend than one who can.

DIM RETROSPECT

From Davenport (Ia.) Times

The generation now reaching its middle thirties is in a peculiar dilemma. The only good days it has to look back upon are the depression years.

WHEN THE SAP RUNS

From Halifax Gazette

The strange mystery within the bowels of the earth is stirring, the mystery that starts the sap to rising in root and stem and bud is slowly transforming the earth to its Spring wonders. Dead, silent Winter may linger in secluded spots like frost crusted road banks and thin silvered ice sheets on lazy streams, but for all its hesitancy Winter's requiem is already sung. The sap is running in the trees and Spring is surging strongly to break its prison and burst forth in green livery.

Scientists see no mystery in the sap's rising. The nutrients in the soil around the tree's roots, the, seep penetrate the membrane of the roots by a process they call osmotic pressure. This happens when the specific gravity of the nutrients is greater than that found within the roots. Once inside this flow of chemicals starts upward through the tree's transportation system by a pillary attraction. This is the first sign of life, this sap rising. As the sap rasises to the twig's end another chemical process takes place by which the trees food is manufactured. Here by an act labeled photosynthesis, the sunlight is taken in, mixed with the chemicals already on hand, and sugar is formed, he sustenance of trunk, limb and root.

So saying, the scientists explain the process of a tree's annual resurrection from a lifele s skeleton to a gay-plumed creation.

Yet the first force, the first stir that sends the sap of life from the soil through the crust and tissue of root and sets in motion the other mysterious forces - what is this force? From whence did it come?

Not from any cold explanation of physics or scientific data does a satisfactory penetration of the veil come. This strange energy, powerful enough to break the earth, the bark, the rocks - and roll away the Tomb - is this not God at work in His world!

How else explain the pristine beauty of April's flowering dogwood and June's mellow rose?

Osmotic pressure, capillary attraction, photosynthesis - the sap rises and the hand of God dips His brush in the chemicals to paint the countryside canvas in the fresh, copious colors of Spring.

AUTO PRODUCTION UP

Eastern Shore News

The automobile industry occupies front rank in important American economic activities and, therefore, it is interesting to note that production has reached the rate of approximately 3,500,000 cars a year.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features.

By NANCY PEPPER

Keyboard Kapers

Maybe it's the influence of that Abbe Rose, Mr. Hurdl—or maybe it's just a rash of talent to the teens, but you're certainly getting to be kittens on the keys. You practice long hours at home so you can make perfect at parties, and, whenever you can snare the piano from some older eager genius, here are your favorite accomplishments.

Fancy Fingering—You put everybody into a mood with Debussy's "Clair de Lune" even if it gets a little foggy somewhere in the middle. You thrill them with the "Warsaw Concerto" and you spend days practicing the "Minute Waltz" until you can break Chopin's own time record with it. Another semilong-hair favorite is the "On the Trail" sequence from Ferde Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite." Move over, Frankie Carle —make way for the Texas!

Double Trouble—You and your Steady Neddy practice piano duets these days, instead of losing time and adding weight at the Corner Casbah. Then comes a party and you can give with Heavenly Harmony on the big Duet Favorite, "Heart and Soul." Well, if that's too hard, you can always break into Chop Sticks.

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Title Talk

We can tell what new movies have scored a hit with you teen agers by checking up on your latest slanguage. Seems you're talking in titles these days.

Duel in the Sun—How you got that sunburn.

Saratoga Trunk—Otherwise known as your handbag.

Adventure—Saturday Night Date.

Make Mine Music—What you say as you feed a nickel to the Juke.

Tomorrow Is Forever—Any Sunday, or it could apply to any Monday.

P.A.R.T.—You write it on the back of your envelopes and it means "Postman, Always Ring Twice."

Leave Her to Heaven—How you feel about a Jealous Jill.

CRIME RECORD

From Winchester Star

Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reveals that 1,685,203 major crimes were committed in the nation last year. On the average 36 persons were slain daily. Every day brought 172 robberies, 981 burglaries, 630 auto thefts. Every five minutes during 1946 there was a crime of murder, manslaughter, rape or assault to kill.

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DeGaulle reaffirms French ties with United States.

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Party conventions nominate candidates in Southwest Virginia.

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Springlike weather follows the Easter week-end.

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New king takes over in Greece.

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BACK HOME AGAIN

By Ed Dodd

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LITTLE BROTHER

TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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Q. Where did Stephen Foster get the name "Swanee River"? I do not find it in any geography or gazetteer.—H. M.

A. When (in 1851) Foster wrote "The Old Folks at Home" he sought a river name that would be both singable and typical of the old South. After several choices and rejections, he fell in love with the name of the Suwanee river, which flows through southern Georgia and northern Florida and empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

He changed Suwanee to "Swanee" since he wanted a name of two syllables only. Hence, his song has always seemed to suggest a placid stream peopled with majestic swans.

Foster's corruption of the name was not the first, however, for the original name of the river was San Juan, pronounced: **sahn hwahn.** It is likely that the form Suwanee evolved from the imperfect pronunciation of the people of that region.

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Fort Worth: How is Bermuda pronounced, and what is the origin?—Mrs. A. E. P.

Answer: The Bermudas were named for Juan Bermudez, a Spaniard who was shipwrecked there early in the 16th century. In "The Tempest," Shakespeare wrote of the islands as "the still vexed Bermoothes," which indicates the people of Shakespeare's day were attempting to use the Spanish pronunciation of Bermudez: bair-MOOthayes.

In time, however, the British anglicized the spelling as Bermudas, and the pronunciation became (Lippincott's Gazetteer, 1880): ber-MOOduzz. However, modern authorities now prefer the long "u" sound in the second syllable, thus: **ber-MEWduzz.**

YOUR FORTUNE FINDER

To learn your "Fortune" for this week from the stars, write in the letters of the alphabet corresponding to the numerals on the line of the astrological period in which you were born. You will find it fun.

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Lesson for April

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THE KINGDOM ESTA

LESSON TEXT—I Samuel 8; 10:1; 12:6, 24, 25.

MEMORY SELECTION—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.—Psalm 33:12.

A major crisis had come in the history of Israel when we take up our study of January 5, 1946. They were ready to change their form of government. They no longer wanted God to rule them directly through his representatives, but wanted a king like the nations round about them.

God acceded to their request. He instructed his servant Samuel to anoint Saul as king, and in that period in their history he led to their ultimate capture and disgrace. We shall study briefly during the next three lessons the facts and factors involved in the rise and fall of the nation's first king, but who failed the test of obedience.

I. Saul—a Choice Man Chosen King (9:1, 2; 15:1).

To begin well is to be on the road to success. Here was a man of excellent quality, "a choice man and a goodly"—in fact, he was not among his people, he surpassed him. What a splendid recommendation for the position of ruler!

His physical appearance was attractive. That is not a major factor in success as some think, but it does have a bearing on one's influence over others.

Most important of all, Saul was the one whom God chose for the people but also the one whom the people had chosen. The Lord sent Samuel (15:1) to anoint Saul as king, to give him the key to the situation—obedience to the will of God.

II. Saul—an Obedient Blessed King (11:12, 13).

1. The attitude of a man toward his enemies is often the true index to his character. Bitterness, hatred, revenge, or veiled hostility for the purpose of ultimate destruction of these are the common reactions of men toward them who oppose them.

Saul, who was not essentially different in his own spirit (as we shall see later), was a man who had his own heart in his early reign, for he was obedient to the Lord.

Some "worthless fellows" despised Saul and refused to be ruled by him as king. The urge of Satan was to destroy them was aggravated by their own unworthiness. Saul wanted to put them to death for their disloyalty to the king. But in true kingly spirit, and in keeping that he reigned by the grace of the Lord, declared there was to be no revenge, but rejoicing.

The story which we take up briefly here is one that is true to the eternal truth that the way of sowing and power is the way of obedience to the laws and the will of God.

Saul began well, but became filled with his pride and self-will began to assert itself and he thus began the ruin and personal disaster in his life which had begun with such promise and blessing. There were many such incidents, but we cite only one.

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III. Saul—a Disobedient Rejected King (15:22-26, 28).

God had commanded that Amalek must be utter destruction. The Amalekites and their possessions was something like the burning of a disease-infested house—a necessity. Saul of a king and people who were condemned of God. We may not fully understand this act of God, but we know him we will not question it was in accordance with His infinite wisdom and love.

Saul chose to disobey, pretending that it was done to please the people, that sheep and oxen had been spared for a sacrifice to the Lord. Samuel cut through Saul's hypocrisy and declared that God wants obedience rather than sacrifice. This is a lesson for those who profess to follow the Lord but have not learned.

The church or the individual who denies or disregards the authority of God's Word and attempts to substitute up for it by sacrifices, gifts, or monies declares to the world that he has been a dupe of Satan and has no true faith in God. Obedience is a virtue s'l too rare.

Too late! What sadness, what disappointment, what never sadder than when one comes to the end of spiritual failure. Saul's confession of repentance and prayer for forgiveness to the Lord had already rejected him as king.

There comes a time when God's patience with man's disobedience is exhausted, and the door of opportunity for service is closed. It is a dangerous thing to the boundary line of God's patience; but mark it well, there is a boundary line!

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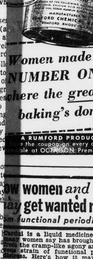

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

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Not very exciting, you might say. But from where I sit it's excitement that we need these days—but those simple country pleasures that are part and parcel of America—the old-fashioned hayride, with its song and jollity; the horseshoe games; the friendly glass of beer; and the good companionship that they engender.

Joe Marsh

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Renewal

Renewall, April 8.- We are so glad to see the pretty spring weather and the flowers all in bloom.

Rev. W. A. Irving preached a fine Easter sermon on last Sunday at Falbrook Church.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes and family spent Easter Sunday at Stone with Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodwin and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas Jennings, of Richmond College, and Mary Frances Jennings, of Charlottesville spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings.

Miss Lee Carter and Dolly Agnew, of S. T. C., Farmville, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carson.

We are so glad to hear that John Burnett is improving, after an operation on his eye.

Aubrey Lee Burnett, of Roanoke spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and children and Mrs. Anna Lee spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler at Rustburg.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler is visiting her son Joe, and his family in Roanoke. Ben, Bob and Billy Wheeler spent the week-end in the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler, of Lynchburg spent the week -end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence spent the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, on Sunday. Little Miss Terrence is celebrating his 3rd birthday today, April 8th. Happy birthday!

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard are both on the sick list. The following children visited them over the week-end: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Martin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Chas Chapman and children, Josh Beard, Mrs. Virginia Eperley and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son.

Mrs. Sam Anderson has returned home from the Baptist Hospital and is much improved.

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Will Harness Winds For Light and Power

German Engineer Has Plan to Solve Fuel Shortage.

FRANKFURT, GERMANY.—Herman Honnef, one of Germany's foremost electrical engineers, plans to harness the force of the winds to solve his country's fuel and power shortage.

First practical application of Honnef's "waterwind power" is planned for Selenter basin, near Hamburg. Twenty huge wind generators, coupled with the same number of pumps, will be used to drive 10 turbines.

Honnef gets his power from "upstairs" wind currents, at an altitude of some 300 feet. He first noticed the winds in 1923 when he was building a lofty radio mast.

Later he found the wind currents were not 100 per cent dependable, but he overcame that weakness by coupling his wind generators to water pumps for "windwater power."

Now, with pilot plant experiments behind him, Honnef says he is ready to set the darkened cities of Germany aglow and restart the machines of factories made idle by the coal shortage.

Engineers say the same type of installation can be used at other undependable water power stations in Germany. Honnef tried to interest power companies and municipal governments in "waterwind power" before the war, but no one would listen.

His idea is a simple one. Wind power is used to pump water, which in turn is used to operate the turbines—which produce the electricity.

Electricity produced by water power is considered cheap in Germany at one cent per kilowatt hour but Honnef says his wind generators reduce the rate to one-fifth of a cent. Furthermore, his revolutionary generators are not affected by rain, snow or ice.

Honnef's only problem will be in obtaining steel enough to build practical-sized plants. The steel shortage is almost as acute as the power shortage. There's no coal to create the power to operate steel mills.

Rocks News

Rocks, April 7.- It was nice and warm here during the Easter holidays.

Farmers hove been busy sowing grass seed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh were visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh, and granddaughter, Mrs. Jack Hamilton and great-grandson, Jack, Jr., last Monday.

Mrs. E. S. Roach was on the sick list last week.

Quite a few of the farmers and their wives went to Appomattox on Wednesday night to the meeting in regard to getting a light line here.

Miss Virginia Dare Almond spent last week at Appomattox with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond.

Mrs. D. R. Inge is sick with flu.

Mrs. Harry Ranson took her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Appomattox Saturday afternoon to see the doctor.

Mrs. Otis Ranson and daughter, Charlene were on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Robert Roach left Friday for Waynesboro, where she will spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Williams.

Mrs. Amos Kness and daughter, Pauline, went to Lynchburg Friday.

Randolph Cain, of Charlottesville, was here for the birthday dinner given Miss Hazel Kress Sunday, at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and son, Danny, of Brookneal attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday and were dinner guests of his sister, Mrs. Walter Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge, of Farmville spent Easter here with his mother, Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children spent Sunday at Galts Mill with her father, M. W. Eiseman, and family.

Mrs. J. Henry Wilkerson and son, Nat, of Prospect, spent Sunday afternoon with Cassie and A. A. Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson, of Pamplin will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 13th.

Mrs. Owen and her daughter, of Norfolk are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McGee.

Rev. C. G. Carter gave us a very fine sermon Sunday night on "The Remarkables of Easter." His wife favored us with some special Easter music.

There were two to join the church by letter.

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